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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3231
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PHARMACEUTICAL PATENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications in respect of Pharmaceutical Patents received till date, country-wise, molecule-wise;

(b) the number of applications cleared so far, country-wise, molecules-wise; and

(c) the time by which the Patents is likely to be granted ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): Information in respect of patent applications for pharmaceutical products is given in the statement at Annexure.

(b) & (c): The procedures stipulated for processing of a patent application under the Patents Act generally take around 50 to 60 months time from the date of filing of the application. No product patent has been granted so far in respect of pharmaceuticals.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3231 for answer on 16.8.2005

Name of country	Number of patent applications for pharmaceutical products1
United Arab Emirates	1
Austria	30
Australia	55
Belgium	170
British Virgin Island	4
Brazil	21
Bermuda	5
Canada	63
Switzerland	538
Chile	1
China	12
Cuba	10
Croatia	23
Germany	1090
Denmark	261
Egypt	1
Spain	16
Finland	39
France	289
United Kingdom	573
Hawaii	1
Hungary	7
Ireland	35
Israel	51
India	1312
Iran	1
Indonesia	5
Italy	104
Japan	434
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	54
Republic of Korea	45
Malaysia	2
Mexico	1
Monaco	2
Netherlands	120
Nigeria	3
Norway	27
New Zealand	34

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Russia      1
Saudi Arabia     1
Solomon Island     1
Sweden      351
Singapore     8
Slovakia     10
Turkey      1
Taiwan      12
United States of America   2111
 West Indies     7
South Africa     10
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Molecule-wise information is not maintained.